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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM

REF: A) USNATO 4897; B) STATE 205147; C) USNATO 5026

SUMMARY: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 22 APPROVED FUTURE TOPICS ON USSR/EE AGRICULTURE, COMECON, AND SOVIET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. COMMITTEE DID NOT DISCUSS INTRA-WEST TOPICS, SINCE MOST COUNTRIES HAD NOT YET SEEN DOCUMENT, BUT SCHEDULED DISCUSSION FOR NOVEMBER 8. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 22 CONSIDERED FUTURE WORK PROGRAM. OTHER AGENDA ITEM (PROPOSED ENERGY SYMPOSIUM) REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. DISCUSSION BEGAN WITH COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN AND SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON HOW COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC BASKET OF CSCE DOMINATED ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WORK FOR PAST TWO YEARS, PROVIDING COMMITTEE WITH EXTREMELY USEFUL WORK TO DO FOR NATO; PROBLEM NOW IS TO FIND TIMELY, IMPORTANT TOPICS TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE'S USEFULNESS TO NATO.

3. COMMITTEE THEN TURNED TO EAST EUROPEAN TOPICS CONTAINED
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IN ED/EC/73/99 AS TRANSMITTED PARA 1, REFTEL A. COMMITTEE AGREED TO THE THREE TOPICS CONSIDERED MOST PRODUCTIVE BY THE DEPARTMENT (REFTEL B). WE TENTATIVELY VOLUNTEERED U.S. TO DO PAPER ON USSR/EE AGRICULTURE, IN VIEW OF EXISTING WASHINGTON

RESEARCH ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE. SECRETARIAT WOULD LIKE PAPER BY END OF DECEMBER. U.K. WILL DO PAPER ON COMECON BY FEBRUARY, BUT EXCLUDING EC-COMECON RELATIONS, WHICH LONDON DID NOT CONSIDER SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION. SECRETARIAT WILL DO PAPER ON SOVIET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BY APRIL.

4. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DID NOT DISCUSS INTRA-WESTERN TOPICS LISTED IN DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED PARA 2, REFTEL A, SINCE THE DOCUMENT HAD ONLY BEEN DISTRIBUTED UNOFFICIALLY TO U.S., U.K., BELGIAN AND DUTCH REPS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MADE GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENT, AND SCHEDULED DISCUSSION OF THESE TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER 8.

5. ACTION REQUIRED: MISSION REQUESTS EARLY ADVICE AS TO WHETHER WASHINGTON WILL DO USSR/EE AGRICULTURE PAPER, AND WHETHER DECEMBER 31 DUE DATE FOR PAPER IS ACCEPTABLE.
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